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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF : Mark A. Rodeffer
FOR : **SPRING WASHER**
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ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE

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Dear Sir:

The election requirements dated January 7, 2005 has been received and carefully considered. Applicant has elected Species 1 represented by Figures 1-11. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-23 are generic to Species 1-4 or directed to Species 1. Accordingly, applicant has not cancelled any claims or withdrawn any claims from consideration. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims patentably distinguish from the prior art and are allowable whereby reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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